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SUBJ: REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL ESTABLISHED

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1. COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF THE ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT ISSUED
STATEMENT (REFTEL) AT 0925 LOCAL MARCH 12 ON THE EVENTS OF
MARCH 11. COMMUNIQUE DESCRIBES DECISIONS TAKEN AFTER ALL-NIGHT
MEETING OF TOP AFM OFFICIALS. HIGHLIGHTS AS FOLLOWS:

(A) COUNCILS OF ARMS (COUSELHOS DAS ARMAS) IN WHICH THERE
WERE PLOTTERS WILL BE DISSOLVED;

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(B) AFM WILL BE IMMEDIATELY INSTITUTIONALIZED;

(C) COUNCIL OF THE REVOLUTION WILL BE NEW AFM EXECUTIVE ORGAN;
THE COUNCIL WILL RESPOND TO AFM ASSEMBLY;
(D) ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD ON SCHEDULE;
(F) PRIME MINISTER GIVEN WIDE POWER TO INSTITUTE MINISTERIAL
CHANGES SO THAT GOVERNMENT CAN ACT MORE FIRMLY WITHIN GUIDE-
LINES OF AFM PROGRAM.

2. OTHER POINTS:

(A) LISTS OF PERSONS TO BE ARRESTED DRAWN UP;
(B) LIST OF COMMAND CHANGES AGREED ON;
(C) INVESTIGATORY COMMISSION NAMED;
(D) AFM CIVIC ACTION PROGRAMS WILL BE INTENSIFIED.

3. COMMENT: AS A RESULT OF THE ABORTIVE COUP ATTEMPT, THE
LEFTISTS IN THE AFM APPEAR TO HAVE GOTTEN WHAT THEY ARE
KNOWN TO HAVE WANTED. MODERATE VICTORY IN LAST WEEK'S ELECTIONS IN
COUNCIL OF ARMS IS EFFECTIVELY NULLIFIED, AND AFM LEFTISTS HAVE
MORE FIRMLY TAKEN OVER REINS. IT REMAINS TO BE
SEEN EXACTLY HOW MUCH POWER COUNCIL OF REVOLUTION WILL HAVE AND
TO WHAT EXTENT IT DIFFERS IN COMPOSITION FROM COUNCIL OF
TWENTY.

4. ANOTHER QUESTION IS WHAT MMINISTERIAL CHANGES ARE IN
THE OFFING. PROBABILITY IS THAT FELLOW-TRAVELING MDP/CDE,
WHICH HAS LONG SOUGHT MINISTERIAL SLOT, WILL NOW GET INTO
GOVERNMENT. WE HAVE LEARNED INDIRECTLY THAT FINANCE MINISTER
SILVA LOPES AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS MINISTER PINTASSILGO BOTH
EXPECT TO BE OUSTED. NEITHER LOPES NOR PINTASSILGO IS
AFFILIATED WITH A PARTY.

5. DECISION TO GO AHEAD WITH ELECTIONS ON SCHEDULE APPEARS TO BE
ONLY CONCESSION TO WEAKENED MODERATES.
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